

## **Attention Walnut Creek Watershed Landowners!! Up to 75% Cost Share for Conservation available.**

If you noticed areas in your field that need conservation practices installed, now is the time to apply for financial assistance for spring work. Poweshiek County has been approved to receive a grant in early 2008 for conservation work in the Walnut Creek Watershed. This watershed includes land that drains into Walnut Creek, or any of its tributaries.

The Walnut Creek grant funds can be used in addition to the funds through Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) to receive up to 75% cost share. EQIP funds are available to all agriculture landowners.

The Walnut Creek grant and EQIP offer financial assistance to install conservation practices. These practices available in Poweshiek County include, but are not limited to: grassed waterways, terraces, water and sediment control basins, grade stabilization structures, waste storage facilities, pasture and hay-land planting, livestock watering facilities, prescribed grazing systems, switch-grass for biomass, and tree planting. Signup is at the Poweshiek County USDA Service Center located at 405 Montezuma Street, in Malcom, IA.

Conservation plans must be developed for the entire area that will be included in the EQIP contract. Through the Walnut Creek grant, and under EQIP, the USDA provides technical assistance on certain structural practices and incentive payments to producers who enter contracts up to 10 years, based on conservation plans.

For more information, or to apply for Walnut Creek Grant funds and/or EQIP funds, contact the Malcom USDA / NRCS office at: **641-528-2065 X3**, or e-mail: [Greg.Townley@ia.usda.gov](mailto:Greg.Townley@ia.usda.gov)

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